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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

***Response to Applicants' Communication***

The amendment filed on is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following matter: the Applicant has not presented enough of a convincing argument for the record as to why claim 46 should be examined with Group I. Applicant has merely restated the Examiner's restriction as to the "separate utility". If Applicant wants claim 46 examined with Group I, a showing of evidence is need as to why this claim should be examined with Group I and why the search for Group I would produce essentially the same references as for claim 46..

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, Applicant is given a time period of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period maybe granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

This action is **NON-FINAL**. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ella Colbert whose telephone number is 571-272-6741. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday, 6:30AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on 571-272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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